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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Pandian et al. Art Unit: 1634  
Application No.: 09/940,296 Examiner: B.J. Forman  
Filed: August 27, 2001 Conf. No.: 7256  
Title: METHOD OF AMPLIFICATION FOR INCREASING THE SENSITIVITY  
OF DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID-PROBE TARGET HYBRIDS

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

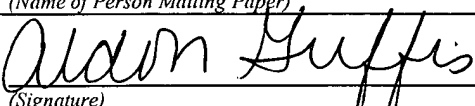
This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action mailed August 2, 2004.

The requested extension is for Two (2) Months, extending the period for response from November 2, 2004 to January 2, 2005.

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| CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8   |                             |
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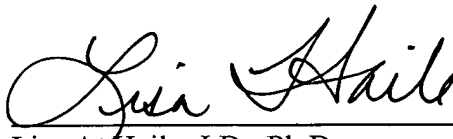
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Enclosed is Check No. 571718 in the amount of \$405.00; which consists of \$225.00 for the fee for Two (2) Months extension of time and \$180.00 for the IDS fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 07-1896. A copy of this Petition Sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 28, 2004



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